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TOO MUCH MONEY

(Winchester Star)

It is not often that a government agency has more money that it needs but that, obviously, is the position in which the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation finds itself. As a result, there are legitimate demands that the corporation either reduce its assessments on banks whose deposits it insures or raise the top limit of insurance on each bank account from $5,000 to $10,000 or even $15,000.

In the 15 years that the corporation has been in existence, it has paid off $25,000,000 in deposit losses, taken care of some $50,000,000 in administrative expenses, returned the $289,000,000 starting capital provided by the Treasury and now has a reserve of more than $1,000,000,000. This huge backlog against losses is regarded as ample for anything short of an unprecedented depression.

While the course for doing something is well-founded, the likelihood of action during the present session of Congress seems remote. That is because the banks themselves are not in agreement as to the proper course to pursue. Some want lower assessments and some want the maximum deposit guarantee increased. An effort is now being made to get them together.

WELL AND BRAVELY DONE

From Roanoke Times

"Splice the main brace!" So concluded King George's message of personal congratulations to the crew of His Majesty's sloop Amethyst on its "daring exploit" in breaking out of a Chinese Communist trap far up the treacherous waters of the Yangtze and rejoining the British Far Eastern fleet off Hong Kong without damage or casualties.

Every British jack tar knows the meaning of the expression "splice the main brace." It means an order to the ship's commanding officer to issue an extra ration of rum to all hands in celebration of some particularly noteworthy exploit.

The gallant little Amethyst, aground and pinned to its anchorage by Communist shore batteries since April 20, slipped anchor Saturday and under cover of a fairly dark night negotiated the perilous seven and a quarter hour's passage to the sea despite heavy artillery fire.

The successful break for freedom measured up to the highest standards of the British Navy and merited the unusual honor of the King's personal congratulations on "the courage, skill and determination shown by all on board." 'Twas well and bravely done indeed.

YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS

From Baltimore Sun

Dr. Edward T. Hall, who is described in news reports as a "cultural psychologist" at Bennington College, the exclusive school for young ladies in Vermont, has come up with some frightening conclusions on cigarette smokers. He has based his findings on a study of how young ladies at Bennington dispose of their fags.

If you crush the butt of your cigarette in putting it out, you are a person who "apparantly is holding back a great deal of hostility," says Dr. Hall.

If you allow your cigarette to burn out, you are a person who has no concern with friends after they are no longer useful to you.

If your toss your cigarette on the floor, that shows some inward defiance.

If you shred the tobacco while smoking, you are confused and "torn apart inside."

And are "lowest form" of cigarette smoker is you put your cigarette butts in coffee cups. "Such a person," says Dr. Hall, "has nothing but contempt for himself and for everyone else, and he really wants to mess things up."

Since this just eliminates every method of getting rid of a cigarette except swallowing it, the suspicion occurs that Dr. Hall is really only trying to shock the young ladies at Bennington into cutting out smoking altogether. Anyway, it's a new approach.

A MATTER OF ONIONS

From Denver Post

An investigator for the House Appropriations Committee checked up recently and found an Army purchase of onions required 288 separate and distinct actions. An order to buy some onions was sent from the office of the quartermaster general in Washington to the Chicago office. The chain of events which followed, according to the Tax Foundation's publication, Tax Outlook, was this:

"The order was:

"Date stamped, time stamped, examined, routed, copied, typed, receipted, entered on other documents, underlined, described and,

"Key punched, card punched, tabulated, checked, matched, filed, discussed, reviewed technically, then just plain reviewed, and,

"Indexed, analyzed, mailed, abstracted, printed, registered, inspected, sorted, noted, stored, transmitted, and vouchered.

"Messengers handled it 110 times in its trip through 18 subdivisions."

If housewives had to buy food "government style," we s" starve to death.

Samples of brass wfre more than 2,000 years old have been discovered, according to the Encyclopaedia.

John Witherspoon was the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence.

A 1948 Supreme Court ruling stated that passengers in automobiles are immune to search without a warrant.

Carcasses of the prehistoric mammoth have been found in northern Siberia with flesh and fur preserved.

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Thank God for God!

Lesson for August 7, 1949

Dr. Foreman

WHILE the little children are thanking God for birds and bees and oatmeal, let us grown people rise and offer some adult thanksgivings. Reading the Psalms of praise which are this week before us, we get the impression that these Siberia with flesh and fur preserved. writers were grateful above all not for anything God had given but for God himself. Thank God for God! sings through every line.

Suppose there were no God? He is the Creator of all; without him nothing else can be. The nature of time and space, of molecule and atom and electron, the mighty power that holds all together; the emergence of life, of mind, the possibility of thought, of values, whatever is and whatever can be, is because he wills it so. That there is energy in the atom, light in the sun, refreshment in the rain and power in the lightning—that these things can be and that anything can be, we thank God.

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No Unrighteousness in Him

SUPPOSE God were not good? A vast and vicious devil, his immense mind brimming with intelligence and malice, could perhaps have contrived a universe more enormous than this corner of one which is known to us. A creative devil—what pangs he could have invented to torture his creatures!

It may be, indeed, that only on this earth is there rebellion against the Creator, and that elsewhere in God's dominions all is peace. But suppose it were true that all the evil in the world was ordained by some Creative Hatred?—all the goodness in the world only an illusion, a deception?

Suppose it were the intent of some devilish maker of man finally to destroy all his creatures, or worse still, to make every creature long bitterly for death but find none? Let us thank God for God, the God of mercy whose loving kindness endureth forever.

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He Knoweth Our Frame

LET us thank God for his providence. He did not create and then forget us, nor give us so much freedom that we could destroy his majesty or bring to nought his mighty plan. Let us thank God for his infinite love and interest that spares and speeds us, his knowledge of our frame, his remembering even the hairs upon our heads. Let us thank God that being infinite he can have a care for the infinitesimal, and that not a sparrow falls to the ground without our heavenly Father. Let us thank God whose care for us is such that without his knowledge not the least of his creatures can fall asleep.

From death and disaster we and the nation and the world have been saved, time and again. Frail is the craft in which the human spirit is launched through this pathless universe; yet it holds, and will hold, because the universe is there by his almighty decree.

In spite of the chaos of men's unruly wills, in spite of we know not what rebellions in the spirit world, he sees to it that not one good is ever wholly lost.

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Who Redeemeth Thy Life

LET US PRAISE God for his promise and for his faithfulness. That he has not left us to our sins nor given us up though long we scorned him; that his divine patience outlasts the hasty heart; that he spared not his own Son but freely gave him for our sakes; that none who come to him will be cast out; that the God who creates is the God who redeems, we praise him from a heart of love. As the Psalmist of old knew himself as one of the children of the Covenant, so may every man who takes God's promises and makes them his heart's own.

To take this God for my God—this is the beginning and the end of religion. To step out on his promises as on a bridge that stands secure above all the floods of eternity.

To trust his faithfulness though all the race of man were liars; to look down the vista of the years without fear, knowing that the God of our fathers will be the God of each succeeding race, that his mercy is everlasting to everlasting and that his kingdom ruleth over all—this is to know him, and this is life eternal. Thank God for God!

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Trinity Road

Trinity Road, July 28.- Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kraus returned home Sunday from a week's visit with relatives in Missouri.

Capt. Jimmy Cochran, U. S. Army, and Mrs. Cochran and sons, James and Paul, who have just returned from Adak, Aleutian Islands, after being stationed there for a year, and now on furlough before going to El Paso, Texas, where he has been assigned. They were visiting relatives here over the week-end and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard and Mrs. W. H. Drinkard Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Stratton left last week to make her home in Lynchburg with her sisters, Misses Leonard, on Federal Street.

Mrs. Lillie Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin, of near Trinity Church visited Mrs. W. H. Drinkard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alvis and family, of Newport News were the week-end guests of the former's brother, John P. Alvis, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Parris, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin, returned Sunday from Virginia Beach, where they were members of a house party with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sandidge, of Lynchburg and Mrs. D. D. Sandidge and little boy, of Baltimore.

Miss Jean Stratton, Messers. Harold Maxey, of Rustburg, Harold Stratton and Charlie Harvey, of Vera spent the week-end at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Pearl Ranford, of Drewryville is the house guest of Mrs. Lula Taylor.

Mrs. J. E. Herndon and daughter, Barbara visited relatives in Richmond for the week-end.

Mrs. Alma Jennings, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Eubank and son, of Forest, and Mrs Frank Drinkard of Concord visited Mrs. W. H. Drinkard Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Drinkard, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson and sons, of near Hebron visited relatives in Green Bay Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stratton, Miss Etna Adcock and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kent were dinner guests of Mr. Kent's parents Sunday, near Galts Mill.

Mrs. Lula Taylor celebrated her birthday Tuesday, with a family party. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton and family, Mrs. Dan Taylor and family, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Iva Watson, and children, of Staunton.

Miss Bettie Taylor, of Norfolk, is the guest of Miss Verna Harding.

Mrs. S. L. Scruggs and Mrs. W. R. Stratton had as their guests recently, the following: Berkley Martin, of Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. Plunket Martin, of New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jacobs and Mrs. Edwin Martin, of Lynchburg.

Miss Rebecca Babcock, of Appomattox spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Scruggs, and her aunt, Mrs. W. R. Stratton.

Production of maple sugar in 1948 was the lowest on record.

Forest View

Forest View, July 26.- Haven't seen any news in your paper for quite a while from this community, so we are sending in a few notes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, of Lynchburg have moved in the Tom Ford home. Mrs. Davis' mother and baby from overseas are spending some time with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosser, of Roanoke have purchased and moved into what was once the Jim Martin home. We welcome these new comers to our neighborhood.

Mrs. N. D. Marshall returned on Saturday from Richmond, where she visited her son, J. E. Marshall and two granddaughter, Mrs. Newcomb and Mrs. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton, of Martinsville, while on their vacation motored to Tennessee, Richmond and also to their farm in Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall have returned from a visit to Norfolk and Annapolis, Md.

A. D. Marshall lost a nice y ung heifer this week.

Mrs. Elliott Nash is expected from the hospital this week. The writer doesn't know if it's a boy or a girl!

We are divided between four candidates for Governor. We would like to know which one will uphold the command to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. It is distressing to drive along the highways and see tractors and combines running and the family's washing hanging on the line.

With best wishes for the Editor and wife of the Times - Virginian and all of its readers!

Wrestling is one of the most primitive and universal of sports.

The north side of a tree, besides having the most moss, has the thickest bark.

Wine is the only beverage to improve with age in the bottle, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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WHEN SOMEBODY BREAKS THIS LAW, "SOMEBODY" REACHES INTO YOUR POCKET AND TAKES PART OF THE MONEY YOU HAVE EARNED FOR FOOD, SHELTER AND CLOTHING, AND USES IT FOR MORE ROAD REPAIRS.

The highways belong to *all* the people. They pay the bill. The general taxpayer pays 48% of the cost of building and maintaining public roads; passenger car owners — 34½%; light truck owners — 13½%; *and heavy truck operators — only 4%.* Contrast this situation with that of the railroads. They do not get one cent of your tax money for construction and maintenance. They buy their own rights-of-way, build their roadways and maintain them — *out of their own pockets.* In addition, they pay millions of dollars in taxes which help pay for schools, streets, police and fire protection, health facilities and better living.

Remember — every time a heavy, overloaded truck rolls over your highways, it costs you money. Highway load limit laws *are* broken, many times daily. If you want to save your tax dollars and protect your highways, write to your state legislators. *Ask them to see to it that your state highway load limit laws are strictly enforced.*

Highway authorities are becoming more and more concerned over the fact that public roads are being overloaded in both traffic volume and structural capacity, with consequent heavy damage and high repair cost. According to these authorities, heavy overloaded trucks are prematurely destroying thousands of miles of the nation's highways. They are making bituminous roads rough and rutted, and causing concrete roads to pump at the joints and deteriorate rapidly. Strict enforcement of your state highway load limit laws will protect your roads, and save you tax dollars.

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